

EXECUTIVE ORDER 66 - 4

ADMINISTRATIVE STATE AGENCY and ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

On July 14, 1965 the Congress of the United States, with the approval of the President, passed the Older Americans Act of 1965 in which it was declared that the older people of our nation are entitled to equal opportunity to the full and free enjoyment of numerous objectives in accordance with our American life.

These include an adequate retirement income, adequate attention to the best possible physical and mental health, suitable housing, institutional restorative services, employment opportunities, civic, cultural and recreational activity opportunities, social assistance provided through community services and "The free exercise of individual initiative in planning and managing their own lives."

In order to provide retirement years in health, honor and dignity after lifetimes of contributing to this nation's growing economy, the Congress and President further declared that "it is the joint and several duty and responsibility of the governments of the United States and of the several states and their political subdivisions to assist our older citizens" in their quest to obtain these objectives.

Arizona with its magnificent climate is a natural area to which our older citizens can retire and enjoy their autumn years with the assistance, if need be, of their elected officials at all levels of government.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arizona by the Arizona Constitution and Laws of Arizona it is ordered as follows:

Part I. Establishment of the Arizona State Agency to Administer the State Programs on Aging.

Section 101 (a). There is hereby established within the Arizona State Department of Health an Administration on Aging to be known as the State Agency on Aging, hereinafter referred to as the State Agency.

Section 101 (b). The Administration shall be under the direction of the Commissioner of the State Department of Health by policy direction of the State Board of Health and with advice of the State Advisory Council on Aging as hereby established in Part II of this Order.

Section 102. It shall be the duty and function of the State Agency in carrying out the provisions of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-73) for the State, to:

1. Cooperate with the Federal Commissioner on Aging and provide information to the Administration on Aging, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, upon request;
2. Prepare a State Plan for the administration of the State program for the aging which shall set forth the provisions contained in Section 303 of the Older Americans Act of 1965;
3. Serve as a clearing house for information related to State problems of the aged and aging;
4. Develop plans, conduct and arrange for research and demonstration programs in the field of aging;
5. Provide consultation to counties and subdivisions thereof with respect to local community programs for the aged and aging;
6. Prepare, publish and disseminate educational materials dealing with the health and welfare of older persons;
7. Gather, or cause to be gathered, statistics in the field of aging which Federal agencies or other State departments are not collecting; and
8. Stimulate more effective use of existing resources and available services for the aged and aging, including collaboration with other State departments, agencies or commissions, with county officials and voluntary agencies and with State and local professional associations and societies for the aged and aging.

Section 103. The State Agency shall provide necessary staff services to the State Advisory Council on Aging, including provision under applicable State laws for reimbursement to individual members thereof for per diem and travel expenses incurred in connection with official meetings of the Council.

Section 104. Costs of administration of the State Plan by the State Agency shall be in conformance with the provisions of Section 304 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 and with all applicable State laws.

Section 105. The State Agency shall include in its Annual Report, as required by Arizona Revised Statute 36-137, a section with respect to the State's program on aging.

Section 106. The State Agency shall consult with the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, upon request, with respect to grants to or contracts with any public or nonprofit agency, organization or institution in the State for the purposes set forth in Titles IV and V of the Older Americans Act of 1965.

Part II. Establishment of Arizona Advisory Council on Aging.

Section 201. There is hereby established the Arizona Advisory Council on Aging, hereinafter referred to as the Council.

Section 202. The Council shall be composed of twenty-five members appointed by the Governor. The State agency shall submit recommendations for membership. Members appointed to the Council shall have a knowledge of, and have an established basic interest in, the problems affecting Arizona's older citizens and members shall be selected with due regard to geographic and other elements of representation in order that as many divergent problems as possible can be considered by the Council.

Section 203. The Council shall advise the State Agency through the Commissioner of the Arizona State Department of Health on all matters or problems with respect to the administration of the State Plan on Aging as are referred to the Council by the State Agency, and in performing this function the Council shall not be limited to provisions of the Older Americans Act of 1965.

Section 204. The Council shall convene in formal meeting at the call of the State Agency through the Commissioner of the Arizona State Department of Health, but in no case less than two (2) times each fiscal year, and for such formal meetings a quorum shall consist of no less than thirteen (13) members present. Recommendations to the State Agency by the Council shall be represented by a simple majority vote of members present of a quorum in formal meeting; however, minority opinions with respect to any Council recommendation may be formally submitted in writing to the State Agency through the Chairman of the Council.

Section 205. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary of the Council shall be designated from the Council membership by the State Agency through the Commissioner of the Arizona State Department of Health and approved by the Governor. An Executive Secretary to serve the Council shall be designated from among the staff (personnel) of the State Agency.

Section 206. Except for reimbursement of expenses incurred as provided in Section 103 of this Order, members of the Council shall serve without remuneration.

Section 207. The Commissioner of Health shall be an Ex officio member of the Council.

Section 208. All executive departments and agencies
of the Government of the State of Arizona
are requested to cooperate with the Committee in the performance
of its duties and studies.

Signed:



SAMUEL P. GODDARD
Governor of Arizona

Witness:



WESLEY BOLIN
Secretary of State

Date: May 11, 1966

